GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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CLOSED OPERATIONAL FERTILIZER PLANTS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of fertilizer plants installed in the country at present and the number out of those operational and the number of those lying closed;

(b) whether the Government propose to revive the fertilizer plants lying closed;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) present annual production of fertilizers in the country alongwith the annual consumption of fertilizers in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI S. B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a): At present, there are 67 large sized major fertilizer plants in the country manufacturing a wide range of nitrogenous, phosphatic and complex fertilizers. Out of which operations in 7 urea plants (namely, Trombay-I of RCF, Gorakhpur, Ramagundam and Talcher plants of FCI, Durgapur and Barauni plants of HFC) alongwith Saladipura & Amjhore plants of PPCL and HCL:Khetri have been suspended/discontinued for reasons of safety, feedstock limitation, non-viability or/and financial constraints. Haldia plant of HFC never went into commercial production and has been lying closed since 1986.

(b) & (c): The Government has approved the revival of Namrup units of HFC at a revised cost of Rs. 509.40 crore, which is in progress. The restart of RCF's Trombay-I urea plant has not been found techno-economically viable and the company has decided not to operate this plant. The question of revival and restructuring of 5 urea plants located at Gorakhpur, Ramagundam, Talcher, Durgapur and Barauni and Saladipura and Amjhore plants of PPCL have been referred to a Group of Ministers set up for the purpose.

(d): Production and consumption of fertilizers in nutrient terms during 2001-02 and 2002-03 are given below:

(In Lakh MTs)

Fertilizers Nutrients	2001-2002		2002-2003 (Estimated)	
	Production	Consumption	Production	Consumption
Nitrogen (N)	107.68	114.16	116.15	+
Phosphate (P)	38.60	44.16	48.19	+

+ Not assessed so far.